(c) whether these ships with arms and ammunition had been seized;

(d) if so, whether this issue was discussed with the concerned countries; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) According to information available with the Nevy and the Coast Guard, three foreign ships and 117 fishing vessels/ trawlers illegally entered our sea border during the last three years.

(b) These ships belonged to France, Bangladesh and Myanmar. The fishing vessels were of Pakistan, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, China, Taiwan and Malaysia.

(c) Yes, Sir. Two ships.

(d) and (e). The issue was taken up through diplomatic channels and our serious concern was conveyed to these countries.

C.G.H.S. Dispensary in Calcutta

3462. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) when the CGHS Unani Dispensary/Unit was opened in Calcutta;

(b) the date since when the said dispensary is not functioning;

(c) whether a number of Physicians have been posted by CGHS to that dispensary, who have not joined there during the last three years till date; and

(d) whether no para-medical staff is posted to that dispensary and the Physicians are being harassed by making transfer orders in the first instance and then cancelling/revising them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (d). A CGHS Unani unit was opened at BBG'Bagh dispensary no. 39, Calcutta, on 19.7.93. Since the last year or so, the functioning of the unit has run into certain difficulties, due, inter alia, to institution of court cases challenging Government's orders posting Unani Physicians to the said unit.

Regarding posting of para-medical staff, despite persistent attemps to fill up the posts, difficulties are being faced in locating suitable candidates. Efforts are on to fill up these posts early.

With the withdrawal of the court case by the Unani physician presently posted there, all efforts are being made to streamline the functioning of the Unani unit at CGHS, Calcutta.

Use of Inferior Preservatives

3463. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Bureau of Indian Standards keeps a check on manufacture of inferior preservatives like calcium propionate used for preserving bread;

(b) the number of times the manufacturers of the chemicals in Delhi, Haryana, Maharashtra and Gujarat were checked during the last three years and the result thereof;

(c) the action taken against guilty officials; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure quality of the chemicals by all manufacturers of bread before its use?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir. Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) periodically inspects the licensee units and checks records maintained by the licensee according to the Scheme of Testing and Inspection.

(b) and (c). The manufacturers who have been granted licence to use the BIS standard mark for Calcium Propionate - (food grade), are located in the States Haryana, Maharashtra, Punjab and West Bengal only. A total of 35 inspections were made by BIS to these Units during the last three years. In case of three units whose performance was not found to be satisfactory, BIS instructed them not to use ISI mark. As on 29.11.96 performance of all the units except one, have been found to be satisfactory.

(d) To ensure the conformity of the chemicals, periodic inspections are done by Bureau of Indian Standards as per the procedure laid down for grant of licence.

Course in Indian Languages

3464. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the places where courses in medicine are being conducted in Indian languages;

(b) whether the Government propose to start educational courses at all levels in Indian languages throughout the country; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c). The Medical Council of India is of the view that English should continue to be the medium of instruction at all stages of medical courses for the present.